



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

As the term ends the children are still showing enthusiasm for their learning. They have really risen to the challenges set them over the term and we hope they have a wonderful time over the Christmas break.

Willow Class

We have been searching for different materials around the school. In maths year 1 have been describing and sorting 2d and 3d shapes and tried making our own shapes from marshmallows and cocktail sticks!



In year R maths we have been naming and hunting for 2d shapes and talking about their features.



We have been practising for the nativity play too.

Beech Class

Beech class have been busy. In English we have been writing diaries from Vlad and Boxtan's perspective of the Great Fire. We became Vlad and Boxtan and acted out scenes from the book.

We wrote letters to the school governors to invite them to our nativity play.

In maths we have been using our number bonds to 10 to work out the bonds to 100. We also explored commutative law! We used a 100 square to add ten from any given number and to find different patterns.

In art we finished our portraits; we added pasta to decorate the frames and then painted them gold.



We have been practising our Nativity play and the children have been great at both singing and learning their script.

Holly Class

This week we have been writing short Christmas stories based on a short film. We have been trying to show character through their actions and descriptions as well as focusing on engaging the reader. In maths we have been problem solving and recapping all calculations and place value learning from this term. We have also finished our Stone Age houses. We are so pleased with the final outcome and the children worked really well in groups to complete them. We

have also discussed the effectiveness of the houses – would they be weather proof? Would they keep a family warm? What materials might be better next time?



Sharing our home learning:



Silver Birch Class

We have had a very busy couple of weeks in Silver Birch! We have begun writing our Egyptian stories. These stories will all contain a gruesome curse and not all of the main characters make it out of the tomb in one piece. The children have been thinking about the writing process and applying their knowledge of editing for improvement.

This round of home learning has been lovely. We had a great range of tasks to share with the class such as cooking, model making, working to a budget and beautiful canvas art.



Bulb planting

Mrs Sheppard from the Bolney Horticultural Society kindly helped children from each class to plant some bulbs ready for us to enter them into the society's spring show. Mrs Sheppard brought different types of daffodil bulbs and taught the children how to mix grit and compost and how to plant the bulbs. We hope the bulbs survive the wind, rain and frost and shoot up in the spring ready for the show on March 23rd.

Decorations morning

The children created some wonderful decorations to hang on the magnificent Christmas tree in the hall. They made these in their house teams; it was wonderful to see the children help each other as always. The children will bring home the decoration they made on the last day of term for your tree at home.



We thank the parents who came to help us very much and also Bolney Garden Nursery for donating the tree again this year.

Acts of Kindness

The children have enjoyed opening our acts of kindness advent calendar created by Mrs Glew. We hope they have been doing some of the acts of kindness at home as well as at school.



Boy's Football Finals

Our school football team have played fantastically this year and were chosen to play in the ESFA small schools county finals. The team played really well and showed excellent sportsmanship and support for each other. Here is their report:

On the 6th of November 2018, the Bolney school football team went to Lancing FC to play a football tournament. It was really tough but we tried our best and we did really well. In the first game we played Plaistow and Kirdford and drew 0-0. Our man of the match was Daniel for making loads of good tackles. In the second match, we played St Mary's and we lost 6-1. We felt we were unlucky because we had loads of chances but they had an incredible goalkeeper. Our man of the match for this game was Jonny for nearly scoring lots of time. Our 3rd match was against Catsfield and we lost 3-0. Jonny hit the cross-bar at 1-0. Our man of the match for this game was Matty for making lots of good saves. Our 4th game was against English Martyrs and we lost 2-0. Felix made lots of good blocks, so he is our man of the match for this game. Our last match was against Funtington and we won 4-2. Our first goal was scored by Jonny

and then Jonny scored again. Zach then scored a very good goal before Harry S scored a great goal from outside the box. Our men of the match for this game was Liam, Harry Piper, Harry S, Rhudi, Felix, Daniel, Kieran, Jonathan Matthew and Zach.

We would like to thank the parents for taking and supporting us and Mr Pitt for coaching us.

NEARS Book Bellow

Each of the schools in NEARS is taking part in a 'book bellow'. This is where children read five new books, choose their favourite, and present why they liked the book so much to the Y5/6 children at another school. Seven of our Y6 children presented their favourite book to children at St Giles CEP School this week. Following the excellent presentations the children at St Giles are very excited to read the books. We will continue this in Silver Birch with the other children to help maintain and promote their love for reading, which is so important.

Christmas Dinner

All the children and staff ate together at lunchtime today with the staff serving the children. We had Christmas crackers and Christmas music playing while we ate our tasty Christmas dinner. Thank-you to Lucie for serving lunch with such cheer and thank-you to the Friends of Bolney for providing crackers.



KS2 Carol Concert

The church was full of family and friends for our wonderful KS2 carol concert last night. The children sang beautifully, with such enjoyment and volume, having learnt all the words to the carols. It was wonderful to sing with the organ playing. Silent Night was sung unaccompanied in two parts with Holly singing the main tune and Silver Birch singing in harmony. All the children from Silver Birch read bible passages,

prayers and poems so clearly, including some brilliant poems written by the children. They really studied their readings to ensure they understood them. We are very grateful to the church for their support and to the Friends of Bolney for serving drinks and mince pies.

KS1 Nativity Play

Hopefully you have your tickets for the nativity play on either Monday or Tuesday at 1.45pm. The children have been doing so well in rehearsals. They will do a dress rehearsal to KS2 on Monday morning.

Tinsel Trot

Please join us with tinsel on Monday straight after school when we will go carol singing in the village. We normally sing at different venues on the way to Drovers and then end at the Eight Bells for our final carol. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Fair

Thank-you so much to everyone for supporting this year's Christmas Fair. Not only were there so many donations for the many stalls, so many people came on Saturday despite the wind and rain. It was wonderful to see the children, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends as well as previous pupils and their families. The school was buzzing with Christmas cheer and an amazing £2,100 was raised. There was a great range of stalls to visit; Silver Birch did really well with their fun stalls raising nearly £200! The day went so smoothly thanks to the brilliant organisation and preparation, and tremendous hard work of the Friends of Bolney. We again thank them and you all very much for this marvellous support for the school and fundraising.

Keeping safe online

With the holidays soon upon us this is a good time to remind the children about keeping safe online at home. In the last newsletter we shared this resource:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/kids/>

Here is another resource to help you keep your children safe online:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/home>

Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:



Ralph and Liam for showing people love by making them laugh.



Jamie for showing love by being a good friend and Mabel for showing love and respect by helping Mrs James.



Jett for showing respect by being a good team player and William for showing love by being a good friend.



Here is the photo of William and Mrs Wood who received the

values cups at the end of November.

Key dates for your diary

KS1 and Early Years Nativity Play

Monday 17th December and Tuesday 18th December both at 1.45pm. Doors open from 1.30pm

Tinsel Trot

Monday 17th December at 3.05pm outside the school gate.

Friends of Bolney Pyjama Movie Night for children:

Tuesday 18th December at 3.30-5.30pm the children can get changed at school and go straight to the movie night.

End of Autumn Term

Last day Wednesday 19th December

Spring Term Starts

Thursday 3rd January 2019

Spring Half Term

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February

INSET Monday 25th February

End of Spring Term

Friday 5th April 2019

Summer Term Starts

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Summer Half Term

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May
INSET Monday 3rd June

INSET Monday 8th July 2019

End of Summer Term

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

We wish you all a very merry and joyful Christmas and a happy new year.

Thank-you all for your continued support with all that we do.

Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School